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Dear [REDACTED]

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The Director has decided that to avoid possible undesirable speculation by the press, which may be prompted by refusal to comment on the [REDACTED] the attached press release, which does not publicly associate this project with the Central Intelligence Agency, should be released at 12 noon, 10 January 1948, to the following offices in the Los Angeles, California, area:

Tarzana Herald
Associated Press
United Press
International News Service

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In order to avoid associating this station with the Central Intelligence Agency, it is my desire that you deliver the attached releases to these offices in Los Angeles. Please emphasize to [REDACTED] on a strictly informal basis that it is not in the best national interest to have a story written about our operation, and request him to play down any importance that he might have in mind attaching to the article which he expects to run in the Herald in the near future. Having worked with OSS and undoubtedly having the best interest of his country at heart, this should not be a difficult point to put across.

It is most important that we do not be associated with the Central Intelligence Agency if this can be avoided.

Sincerely,

Chief, [REDACTED]

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